GREYHOUND LOOKS AT SERVICE CUTS, PG 2





Housing rebound anticipated

FORECAST The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. reports the housing market in Alberta should improve in 2010.

That's following a large reduction in housing starts across the province in 2008 and the first half of 2009. Construction of single-detached homes in Alberta was 35 per cent lower in 2009 than the previous year.

CMHC expects a modest gain in multi-family starts next year.

If sales increase in 2010, as expected, it will be the first increase in four years. Sales are expected to rebound next year across the Prairie provinces.

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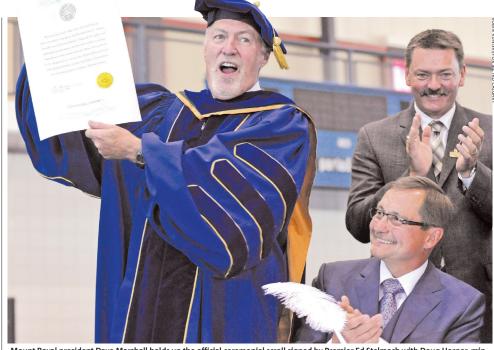
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Mount Royal president Dave Marshall holds up the official ceremonial scroll signed by Premier Ed Stelmach with Doug Horner, minister of advanced education and technology, as Mount Royal College became a university yesterday — a feat that took the school almost 100 years to achieve.

Mount Royal University

Renamed school will keep offering certificates, diplomas, degrees

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Mount Royal's college students will now be considered university students

after the provincial government officially declared the school Mount Royal University. After Metro broke the story last week, it was officially

After Metro broke the story last week, it was officially confirmed yesterday by Premier Ed Stelmach that the almost 100-year-old institute will now be considered a university.

"Being named a university confirms the essential role that Mount Royal plays within Campus Alberta for its students and our province," Stelmach said.

"Mount Royal has served the needs of Calgary and area learners while providing Alberta with generations of professionals who have given back to our province's communities, making them strong and vibrant."

Mount Royal president Dave Marshall was all smiles during the announcement as he acknowledged the support of the government.

"(This) will enable Mount

Royal to create a very special university. This announcement recognizes the quality educational experience we offer and validates our efforts to be the best at what we do."

The school will continue to provide a variety of programs, including certificates, diplomas, applied degrees and baccalaureate degrees.

Calgary high school student Rachel Anderson said she is excited about the addition of a second university to the city.

"I think it's great news for the city and it's a good opportunity for students to have more options. I'm definitely thinking about going there now that its been designated as a university," Anderson said.

Former Calgary Mount Royal student Chelsea Waite had to transfer to the University of Alberta this year to finish her physical education degree. "I would have loved to

"I would have loved to have stayed at Mount Royal to finish ... I think it's great news for the school and for the city," Waite said. "I also think it will help attract and keep students at the school."

Calgarian fined after on-flight incident

PHILIP CROUCHER Metro Canada



AIRPORT A Calgary man who was said to be intoxicated and unruly during a flight from Montreal to Halifax was arrested Wednesday by Halifax RCMP.

He was fined \$1,250 Thursday at Dartmouth provincial court.

Officers were called to Halifax Stanfield International Airport at 11 a.m. Wednesday after a complaint from Air Canada about "an unruly male on board an incoming flight," an RCMP release said.

"It was reported to us he was possibly intoxicated, swearing and not listening to crew instructions," police spokesman Cpl. Joe Taplin said. "And then he removed one of the plastic coverings on the inside of a window."

When Air Canada Flight 662 landed in Halifax, police were on-site waiting. They then met with the flight crew and went on board to arrest the man.

"He was quite cordial,"
Taplin said. "Then when we
were taking him off the
plane — once he was in
handcuffs — he kind of sat
down a tried to resist a bit."

Darren Scott Martin, 32, was in court Thursday on charges of mischief and failing to comply with flight crew instructions.

He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to \$250 on the mischief charge and \$1,000 for the other violation.



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Unions hosting BBQ to raise funds for United Way

Calgary area labour unions and associations are hosting a free barbeque to celebrate Labour Day. The event is part of the United Way Day of Caring and will take place at Calgary Olympic Plaza. The barbeque starts 11 a.m. and runs until 2 p.m. метко NEWS SERVICES

Local



Lonestar coming to town

Country music band Lonestar will be performing at the Blackstar Saloon, Oct. 3 during the Canadian Rodeo Tour Championship, the Calgary Stampede announced Thursday. Rodeo tickets are required to enter the Blackstar Saloon, and are available at calgarystampede.com or by calling the Calgary Stampede ticket office at 403-269-9822. METRO CALGARY



News in brief

STAIRS The stairway connecting Scotsman's Hill and Salisbury Street in Ramsay, to Stampede Park, will be closed to pedestrian traffic for the next month as city crews build a new set of stairs.

ROBERRIES Calgary police are seeking a suspect in a pair of Mac's store heists Tuesday. The first was on Canterbury Drive SW at 1:40 a.m., and the other. 15 minutes later on Chaparral Drive SE. A Caucasian man, 5'7" to 5'11" and stocky build. He was wearing a brown hoodie and white baseball cap. GRIZZLY Portions of the Police Outpost Provincial Park and **Outpost Wetlands Natural** Area on the Alberta Montana border, south of Cardston, were closed due to grizzly bear activity, the

bears feeding in the area. **HISTORY** Experience the province's history and heritage with free admission to a number of museums and historic sites during Alberta Arts Days, Sept. 18 to 20. METRO CALGARY

province said Thursday. Conser-

vation officers have observed

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U of Calgary Metro pumps up frosh week



A group of orientation leaders from Team Awesom-O mesh with new University of Calgary students to celebrate a full week of frosh with Metro Calgary at the helm as a major sponsor.

Greyhound to review routes

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Alberta Greyhound passengers are anxiously waiting after Greyhound Canada announced they will be reviewing routes in Alberta after making cuts to services in other provinces.

Glenda Lamont, spokesperson for Greyhound, told Metro while the transportation organization will be reviewing routes in the province, she said it's too early to tell where the impact would be felt.

"There has been no decisions made yet, you have to understand this has been a very difficult decision for us. We just can't keep sup-porting unprofitable porting unproduces," Lamont said.

"We will continue to ensure the services will be provided where needed but we need to look at the unprofitable routes that we

candidate, thinks a "wake-up call" will happen for

cannot continue to sup

Her comments come after Greyhound announced cutting services in Manitoba in 30 days and in northwestern Ontario by Dec. 2. Besides Alberta, they are also reviewing British Columbia, Saskatchewan, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

Asked whether Calgary or Edmonton routes would be hit directly, Lamont reiterated it's too early to speculate.

Edmonton, House, a kidney transplant patient, said he uses the bus to get to medical appointments from Grande Prairie, Alta. He pays \$79 for the bus trip, but a plane ride would cost almost \$500.

The bus is the only affordable way for me to come for my medical appointments. I can't drive because of my condition.

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Candidates target Stelmach's record in byelection Eric Carpendale, the NDP

POLITICS Calgary-Glenmore

constituents are set to go to the polls Sept. 14 to elect a new MLA and the race is heating up for the five candithe vacant seat



Non-conservative candidates said this election isn't about running against PC candidate Diane Colley-Urquhart, but against the record of Ed Stelmach's government.

"Regardless of who represents government, I would like to be running against the record of this government," said Liberal can-





didate Dr. Avalon Roberts. who is concerned about financial mismanagement

Paul Hinman of the Wildrose Alliance Party said the province doesn't need an-

'spokesperson mach."

Social Credit's Len Skowronski said this is a chance for voters to voice their displeas-

ure and point out the errors of the current government.

Conservatives on voting day. MLA who is a "I think the constituents are worried for Premier Stelabout being sold

a false bill of goods from the Conservative government. However, Col-

lev-Urguhart Skowronski said the priori-

ties in her campaign are having transparency and accountability.

"Residents of Calgary-Glenmore have had excellent representation in the past with Deputy Premier and they need

to continue to have that solid accountable experience at the caucus table." Deputy Pre-

Colley-Urquhart

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Stampede nominated for Sports Travel Award

The Calgary Stampede has been recognized as a top sports event after being nominated by U.S magazine Sports Travel for a 2009 Sports Travel Award. Winners will be announced Oct. 13 to Oct. 17, 2009 in New Orleans. METRO CALGARY

Spray allegedly used in theft

College gets new designation

ROBBERY A smash-and-grab robbery at a northeast shopping centre left one employee shaken after the suspect allegedly pepper sprayed her.

The robbery happened Thursday morning at a

EDUCATION Bow Valley Col-

lege has been named a com-

prehensive community col-

lege for Calgary and the sur-

jewellery store at the Beddington Towne Centre.

The fire department was called in to ventilate the area after the pepper spray bothered workers and shoppers in the mall.

rounding area. The new des-

ignation is part of a govern-

ment framework policy.

METRO CALGARY

Armed robberies likely work of same men: Cops Calgary Police believe the bery at the Super 8 Motel on

Calgary Police believe the same group of men is responsible for two robberies in south Calgary this week.

Domino's Pizza on Douglasdale Boulevard was held up Aug. 30. Three men robbed the restaurant at gunpoint leaving with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Investigators believe the same group could be responsible for an armed robbery at the Super 8 Motel on Shawville Rd. SW, early Tuesday. One of the men pulled a gun and demanded cash. A hotel employee complied and the men left.

Police say they may have left in a dark Pontiac Montana minivan. Call (403-567-6800) or Crime Stoppers (1-800-222-8477) with information.

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FOR METRO CALGARY



Pride Calgary volunteer board member Dallas Barnes gets prepped for Pride Calgary 2009 festivities this Sunday.

Pride Calgary full of firsts

Gay community has 'come a long way' in Alta.: Organizer



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For the first time in history, the City of Calgary will be raising a pride flag to commemorate the 2009 pride parade and festival on Sunday.

But that is just one of the changes and steps made to this year's pride festivities in which the Calgary police service horses will also be out for the first time, according to the president of Calgary Pride's volunteer board.

"Alberta is generally a conservative province but we have come a long way, though I still think we have a ways to go. But these are definitely steps in the right direction," Sam Casselman said.

Another difference this year is the event date change from June to the "We are open and diverse to the gay community, straight community and everything in between."

Sam Casselman, pres. volunteer board

September long-weekend in an attempt to thwart any rainy weather, says Casselman. She expects about 4,000 people to attend the parade, which has over 30 floats.

"We are open and diverse to the gay community, straight community and everything in between. We were striving for acceptance so the more supporters, the better."

Ward 12 alderman Ric McIver said he supports the event this weekend.

"Anytime people can get together and have a celebration it's good — it's good for people to celebrate whatever their cause," McIver said.

Man facing charges in alleged sex assault

Charges are pending against a man after an alleged sex assault on a woman walking along Riverfront Avenue early Thursday morning. Investigators said the

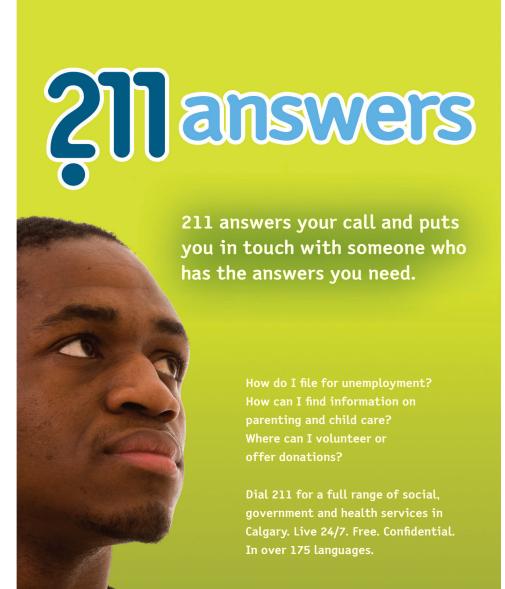
Investigators said the woman, in her 30's, was walking along the path around 2 a.m. when a man attacked her, dragged her off the path and attempted to remove her clothing.

"The victim fought back and was able to make good her escape and run to get help," Staff Sgt. Joel Matthews said. "He used a bottle of Vodka to strike her at some point during the altercation."

When police arrived on scene with a K-9 and HAWC helicopter they located the suspect in some nearby bushes.

Matthews said police will not be releasing the name of the suspect until charges of sexual assault with a weapon and forcible confinement are officially laid.

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Reward offered for information on muskox killing in Yukon

The Yukon Fish and Game Association is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to a conviction in the illegal shooting of a muskox. A driver on the Dempster Highway came across the bull, which had been shot in the shoulder and left on the roadside. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada



Danny hits at Hydro-Quebec Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Danny Williams has some harsh words for Hydro-Quebec, accusing it of working against the national interest. Now is the time, he says, to look at a possible

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The Steve and Jack show?

Layton leads Harper in dance around looming election

Stephen Harper and Jack Layton took the first steps Thursday in a political tan-go that could decide if the country is headed for a fall election.

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The prime minister and the NDP leader both said they want Parliament to work. But each looked to

the other to take the lead.
Layton said it's up to
Harper to "reach out" to the opposition if he wants to save his minority government and avoid an election. And he said Harper can't behave as if he has a majority.

The ball is entirely in Stephen Harper's court," Layton said in Halifax.

The NDP has prided itself on consistently voting against the government and has mocked the Liber-

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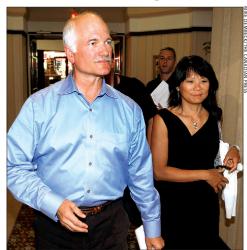
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als for propping it up. But New Democrats have

been sounding a more conciliatory tone since Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff declared that he will try to bring down the government after Parliament resumes Sept. 14. With the Liberals on the warpath, the Tories will need the support of the NDP or Bloc Quebecois to survive.

Layton said Harper knows the proposals the NDP has put before the House of Commons and wants him to show willingness to move on NDP motions to extend EI benefits, protect pensions, and regulate credit card rates.

Layton said the NDP is ready to fight an election if Harper doesn't compro-THE CANADIAN PRESS



NDP Leader Jack Layton and his wife Olivia Chow arrive for a news conference in Halifax Thursday.

Defence minister fined over conflict of interest

POLITICS Canada's ethics commissioner fined Defence Minister Peter MacKay \$200 on Thursday for failing to disclose his involvement as a director and officer of two companies owned by his father.

MacKay resigned from his positions with Beaver Lumber Co. Ltd. and Lorne Resources Co. Ltd., earlier this week after the office of the ethics commissioner contacted him about his involvement in those com-

In a letter sent Thursday to MacKay, ethics commissioner Mary Dawson levied a \$200 penalty for what she said was a "serious contravention" of the Conflict of Interest Act.

The act forbids cabinet ministers from serving as a director or officer in a corporation.

In an interview, MacKay said the mistake was inadvertent.

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News in brief

CLIMATE A groundbreaking study that traces Arctic temperatures further back than ever before has shown the region is now warmer than at any time in the last 2,000 years. The international study, published Thursday in the journal

Science, uses data from tree rings, lake sediments and glacial ice deposits from 23 points worldwide to back mathematical climate models that suggest greenhouse gases are behind global warming.

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Weekend, September 4-7, 2009

Russian opposition activists commemorated the fifth anniversary of the Beslan school tragedy by honouring the 334 people who died and blaming the Kremlin for their deaths. A few dozen activists gathered in a Moscow square, where they lit candles and laid flowers before photographs of the victims. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World



Hamas leader congratulates Ahmadinejad

The leader of the Hamas government in the Gaza Strip said Thursday that he affirmed his group's warm ties with Iran during a late-night telephone conversation with President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, left. Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh said the two men exchanged Ramadan greetings, and he congratulated Ahmadinejad over his recent re-election.

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Woman, suspected terrorist named to Iran's new cabinet

TEHRAN Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad received a broad mandate Thursday as parliament backed his main cabinet choices - naming the first woman minister since the 1979 Islamic Revolution and supporting a suspected mastermind in the bombing of an Argentine Jewish centre that killed 85 people. New defence minister Ahmad Vahidi is wanted for involvement in the 1994 bombing in Buenos Aires. Differences were apparent in the vote over three women who Ahmadinejad proposed. Lawmakers approved Marzieh Vahid Dastjerdi as health minister but rejected his female nominees to head the education and welfare ministries.

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Gunmen kill 18 in drug rehab

Neighbours mopped blood from the sidewalk outside a drug rehabilitation centre Thursday, cleaning up the carnage after gunmen lined up patients against a wall then riddled them with bullets, killing 18.

It was the third attack on a drug treatment centre in Ciudad Juarez. Chihutahua state authorities said Thursday they were investigating reports that the centres have turned into hideouts for drug smugglers being sought by police and hit men from rival gangs.

Public Safety Secretary

Public Safety Secretary Genaro Garcia Luna, Mexico's top law enforcement official, said rehab clinics were also being used as recruiting and training centres by drug cartels. He told The Associated Press in an exclusive interview that a 1,300

Approximate number of homicides so far this year in Ciudad Juarez alone.

recently detained drug suspect belonging to the La Familia cartel oversaw various private, non-profit drug rehab centres across western Michoacan state. The suspect, Rafael Cedeno, claimed to have trained 9,000 recruits for the cartel in 2008.

Bloody footprints tracked from the door of the humble cinderblock Aliviane centre remained on Thursday, as federal police and soldiers stood guard.

At 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, about eight gunmen broke down a door at the centre,



Police stand in front of the El Aliviane drug rehabilitation center in Ciudad Juarez. Mexico. Thursday.

lined their victims against a wall and shot them dead, authorities said. Police said one man died Thursday and another remained hospitalized

Little information about the victims was available. Sobbing mothers and wives gathered outside the prosecutors' offices to demand answers and find out whether their loved ones were among the dead.

Elisabeth Quintero, 32, said she lost her son, 16; her younger brother, 28; and her cousin, 21.

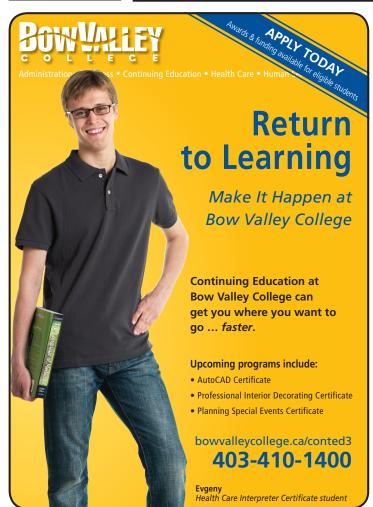
The city is home to the Juarez cartel, which has been fighting other drug gangs for lucrative drug routes into the United States.

News in brief

HONDURAS The Obama administration on Thursday cut all non-humanitarian aid to Honduras over the ouster of President Manuel Zelaya, making permanent a temporary suspension of U.S. aid imposed after he was deposed in June. U.S. State Department spokesman Ian Kelly did not say how much assistance would be cut but officials have said previously that more than \$200 million US is at stake.

OOPS Dutch police who mowed down what they thought were illicit marijuana plants were red-faced Thursday when it emerged they'd ruined a research group's giant, officially sanctioned field of harmless hemp. Police proudly announced Wednesday that they'd found more than 47,000 cannabis plants. They mowed down half the plants only to be informed they were the property of Wageningen University, a respected agricultural school.

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Services



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ake Sushma and Baskar Rao. The software engineer and her chartered accountant husband landed in Canada on January 16 this year, and the very next day they applied for SIN cards and credit cards. Having activated their Canadian banking account while still in Bangalore (India), they were also able to transfer their funds to Canada with great ease - something that was not possible before Scotiabank launched the $Scotiabank\ StartRight^{\mathsf{TM}}\ program$ for newcomers to Canada.

Baskar was one of the first applicants in India to take advantage of the Scotiabank StartRight Program. "We had an account with Scotiabank in Canada within a week of applying in India, and within two or three weeks, we had remitted funds to Canada," he says.

"The credit goes to my brother," says Baskar, 34. "He told me to check out the Scotiabank StartRight Program for newcomers that Scotiabank offers through its branches and in partnership with HDFC Bank in India.'

Rania Llewellyn, Vice-President, Multicultural Banking at Scotiabank, says Canada receives approximately 250,000 new immigrants a year. She adds "While a very significant proportion of these are from South Asia, China and the Philippines, the Scotiabank StartRight Program addresses the needs of all new immigrants, wherever they come from."

Establishing credit history in Canada is vital

Having worked in the US with KPMG for a year, Baskar says he knew it was important to get his credit history meter ticking as soon as possible. "With the Scotiabank StartRight Program, I was able do so on day one.'

Sushma has also taken advantage of the small safety deposit box1 offered free for a year as part of the Scotiabank StartRight Program. "Our focus group discussions show new immigrants place a high value on safety deposit boxes and getting a credit card," says Pankaj Mehra, Director, India and South Asian Markets. Many immigrants with their inherent faith in precious metals would be happy to learn that Scotiabank is Canada's gold bank.

"Through our subsidiary -ScotiaMocatta, we are one of the largest distributors of precious metals in the world - we cater to the

Scotiabank StartRight Program opens doors to a new life.

New immigrants coming to Canada tend to be educated, qualified, well-heeled and savvy.



very substantial gold and jewellery markets in India," says Mehra. "In the Canadian context, what this means is that Scotiabank clients can invest in gold by getting coins and gold bars, and invest in other precious metals at our branches across Canada"

Getting settled one step at a time

Baskar landed a job as an internal auditor, a month into the job hunt. "I'd been prepared to take whatever came my way as it is not good to sit idle, so it feels great to land a job in my field." With the financial pressure off, Sushma was better able to concentrate on her own job hunt. She had met consultants, applied for positions, and eventually landed a job with Research in Motion.

When their immigration papers came through, Baskar says his father and brother advised him to move to Canada with his wife rather than coming alone first, finding a job and then getting her to join him. "Enjoy both the hardships and the happiness together", they said.

Things which can be overwhelming for a new immigrant were handled with such ease thanks to the friendly and helpful people at Scotiabank. Honestly, I don't see us facing any

hardships," says Baskar. "Scotiabank helped us skip a few steps by starting us off on the right note while we were still in India – I call it the Dummies' Guide to Banking! The Scotiabank StartRight Program opened the doors for us to our new life.'

Feeling at home in Canada

The Raos enjoyed their first Canadian winter this year "Shovelling was fun - I was an apprentice to my brother!" laughs Baskar who was living together with his brother then. Sushma thinks Spring is beautiful and is looking forward to enjoying the beauty of each season as it unfolds - though we feel this summer hasn't been anything to talk about.

"We love Canada," says Sushma. "Bangalore is multicultural in the local sense, Canada is multicultural in the international context. We fit right in. We feel at home!'

Hiring people from within the community

Making new immigrants feel at home are Scotia® advisors like Jaswant Thind, who apply their own experiences as new immigrants in their interactions with the bank's clients.

With several years of experience in sales and finance in Punjab, India, Thind landed a transition job the day after landing at Pearson International. "When I got my first cheque a week later, I didn't have an account to deposit it in" he recalls. Today, a financial advisor at Scotiabank's Queen Street branch in Brampton, Thind advises newcomers on issues vital to their settling in well in their new country.

"I see people who have been in Canada for three or four years and still don't have a credit card. They come from cash societies where credit card use is still to catch on in a big way. I tell them to apply for a no-fee credit card2 through the Scotiabank StartRight Program; and that without a credit history. they will find it next to impossible to get a mortgage, or a car loan."

He says people often feel more comfortable discussing their finances in their own language and he is happy to speak to customers in Punjabi. "Coming from a similar background, I feel I understand their needs better."

Aware of the value South Asians place on education, he also advises them to invest in RESPs to finance their children's higher studies. Thind is active in the community and says people will often approach him at the gurudwara (Sikh temple of worship) or at malls and parks to ask for financial tips. "Coming from a similar background, I feel I understand their needs better" says Thind.

"At Scotiabank, we realize the importance of building a workforce that truly reflects the communities we serve" says Rania Llewellyn. The Bank embraces diversity in all its facets, and its culture is based on community and teamwork. "We even participate in programs that provide career opportunities to new immigrants", she adds.

Scotia advisors like Jaswant Thind can serve new immigrants in many different languages.



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Numbers don't add up at lottery corp.



ike most people, I'm amazed at the expense claims filed by executives of the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. After all, what reasonable adult with a sense of propriety would assume it's justifiable to expense car detailing, dry cleaning, golf memberships, or annual credit card fees?

People who do stuff like that used to be called chisellers, and even in this age of entitlement, it's deplorable.

I'm also astonished by Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty's solution — other than firing OLG's CEO and board — which is to make the province's integrity commissioner responsible for overseeing expenses at OLG and 22 other provin-

cial agencies and boards. How much sense does it make to have the commissioner and her staff of nine vet all those expense reports when you could take existing provincial expense policies, shore them up where necessary, and tell management of all those agencies and boards to apply them religiously on pain of losing their jobs? To make sure, there will be spot checks, like urine tests for athletes.

But forget the food, drink and other indulgences. What truly astounds me is how OLG's free-spending management has been getting away with such sketchy financial reporting. Based on the available financial evidence - and if you visit the OLG website, you'll see it's scant — OLG might not be an operation you would want to invest in. The one annual report posted on the site is for the pre-recession year ended March 31, 2007, and it shows OLG with net income of \$1.67 billion on revenues of \$6 billion. That's obviously a good margin, vet it was nearly six per cent

less than OLG earned the previous year. Unlike most corporate annual reports, OLG provides no five- or 10vear comparisons, so we don't know whether rev-enues and earnings are growing or shrinking.

The site does, however, quarterly reports showing five years of unaudited revenue figures for resort casinos and OLG casinos and slots ending with the 2008 fiscal year. Revenues in these categories, which normally provide more than 55 per cent of net income, are running three per cent lower than they were five years ago. As for the lottery and bingo revenues that generate the remaining profits, OLG tells us nothing, although a recent Statistics Canada study noted these activities levelled off in 2005 and actually dropped in 2008.

I'll give you odds they haven't improved since

Charles Davies is a veteran business writer who has worked for Canadian and international news organizations.

Views

Time to step up against pesticides



It's that time again.

Another year to ponder

the pesticide debate. Another year to hum and

haw over whether it makes sense to spray poisons on our lawns to keep them pretty.

Another year of health down the drain. Literally.

While 155 Canadian municipalities have banned cosmetic pesticides on some level, Calgary City Hall is still

talking. The city is bringing its more than-a-year-in-themaking cosmetic pesticide report to committee shortly, then to council. Depending who you talk to it's next week or next month.

Like usual, when it comes to change, Calgary is lag-ging. We don't like being told what to do. Even corporate monolith Home Depot beat us to it. In May 2008, it. began pulling 60 products from the shelves.

The Alberta wing of the Canadian Cancer Society is advocating for a cosmetic pesticide ban based on caution. There's enough research, it says, that pesticides have played a role in neurological and reproductive problems, and are linked to cancers.

A Calgary friend of mine whose child is in a nasty battle with leukemia has every right to try to assign blame. He calls childhood cancer "multi-factoral."

"That said," he writes, "reducing toxic-carcinogen load on kids should be para-mount, since childhood cancer is still the leading cause of non-accidental death in children. And multi-generational cell damage is, in my view, a significant issue as well.

It's this kind of caution that makes sense. We don't need exact scientific studies to know that products ending in the suffix "cide" aren't good news.

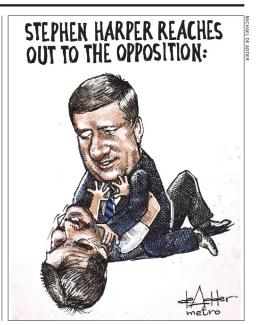
It's been more than a year

since Ald. Druh Farrell wrote a cosmetic pesticide motion, supported by Brian Pincott and Joe Ceci, asking the city to investigate banning these chemicals.

This issue isn't going away. The texture of our grass just doesn't matter as much as human health. Without lawn poisons, re-searchers will find new weed and pest control methods. The city has worked with Olds College on new weed control methods. It's a good step.

A solid no-exemption cosmetic pesticide ban is the right thing to do.

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Structal-Bridges, the largest steel bridge manufacturer in Canada, has won a \$16.5-million contract to rebuild the Dominion Bridge in Levis, Que. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Business

Canada still in recession?

Paris-based group says recovery will trail G7 countries

An international economic think-tank is declaring Canada is still in recession, an assessment that is at odds with the Bank of Canada and most private sector analysts.

The Paris-based Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Canada's economy will continue to shrink in the current quarter at a rate of two per cent, in contrast with the Bank of Canada's contention that the recession has ended.

In July, the central bank

OECD's forecast

• The OECD says Canada will see gross domestic product shrink by 2.5 per cent this year as a whole, slightly better than its June forecast of a 2.6 per cent retreat, but still below the Bank of Canada's estimate of a 2.3 per cent decline.

predicted the current quarter will see a 1.3 per cent growth.

The OECD projection is

also far more gloomy about Canada in the fourth quarter, putting growth at a minuscule 0.4 per cent, compared to the Bank of Canada's three per cent growth projection.

The think-tank's numbers, if correct. will mean Canada will trail the G7 nations in its recov-

ery.
"It doesn't sound current
" coid Avery with the data," said Avery Shenfeld, the chief economist with CIBC World Mar-

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United States Retail sales decline



Shoppers carrying purchases from T.J. Maxx and Macy's leave a mall in New York last week. Retailers in the U.S. on Thursday posted sales dips for August as shoppers held back on back-toschool purchases and continued to focus on necessities, raising further concern about the upcoming holiday season.

Business in brief

NEXEN Calgary-based Nexen Inc. says it's made a "substantial" discovery of additional energy resources in the U.K. North Sea in the Golden Eagle area. Nexen estimates the area contains the equivalent of over 100 million barrels of oil

OIL & GAS Total Energy Service es Inc., a Calgary-based oil and gas services company, has raised its 2009 capital spending budget to \$15.9 million from \$9.9 million. That represents a 60 per cent increase.

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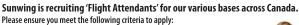
Economy ready to start creating jobs again: **Economists**

GROWTH Canadian workers could be in for the most encouraging news in months Friday — a return to job creation coinciding with the first positive economic growth in almost a year. CIBC chief economist

Avery Shenfeld is predicting up to 15,000 jobs may have been created during the month. Last week. StatsCan reported that Canada's economy began to expand ever so slightly in June, and forecasters widely expect the momen-tum continued both in July and August, particularly with federal infrastructure dollars flowing during the summer.

"Usually recessions begin when employment is declining and recessions end when employment is growing," said Shenfeld.

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Chelsea banned from player transfers

FIFA has banned Chelsea from signing any players for the next year because it encouraged a French player to break his contract and sign for the club. FIFA said Thursday that the Premier League club can't register new players, from England or abroad, during the next two transfer windows — in January 2010 and the next off-season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Stephanie

ed following a

6-4, 5-7, 6-4

loss to Roman-

Que.,

Dubois



Vick can return for Week 3

Big names fall at U.S. Open

No. 4 Elena Dementieva, No. 5 Jelena Jankovic both suffer upsets

The future looks bright for Melanie Oudin. Maybe for American tennis, too.

Blinking back tears and ignoring the pain, the 17-year-old Georgian pulled off the biggest upset so far at the U.S. Open on Thursday, a 5-7, 6-4, Laval, 6-3 victory over No. was eliminat-4 Elena Dementieva.

The win was a nice bookend to go along with a victory ian teenager over No. 6 Ielena Jankovic at Wimble-

don, where Oudin became the youngest player to make the fourth round since Jennifer Capriati in

Jankovic made another early departure from a

Grand Slam event Thurs-day, losing to 55th-ranked Yaroslava Shvedova of Kazakhstan 6-3, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (6).

Jankovic reached the U.S. Open final in 2008, and she was seeded No. 5 this of year.

The losses by Dementieva and Jankovic mean half of the top 20 seeded women are out of the draw.

No. 1 Dinara Safi-Sorana Cirstea. na nearly joined the parade of surprising exits, turning in her second poor performance of the week

before hanging on to edge 67th-ranked Kristina Barrois of Germany 6-7 (5), 6-2, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Yaroslava Shvedova of Kazakhstan returns a shot against Jelena Jankovic of Serbia on Thursday at the U.S. Open in New York. Ranked 55th, Shvedova knocked off No. 5 Jankovic 6-3, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (6).

Wright dumps new batting helmet

BASEBALL Mets third baseman David Wright switched back to his old batting helmet Thursday after trying out Rawlings' bulky new

model. Wright used the S100, which Rawlings

says can withstand a 100 mph fastball, in



his first two games following a stint on the 15-day disabled list with a concussion courtesy of a Matt Cain fastball on Aug. 15.

"It's just not comfortable," Wright said of the new helmet that will be required in the minors next season. "The last thing I need to worry about in the box is to try to shove it on my head."

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Sports in brief

BASKETBALL Canada defeated Panama 97-65 at the FIBA Americas tournament Thursday to remain in the running for a berth in next year's world basketball championships in Turkey, Canada finishes the quarter-final round against the Dominican Republic on Friday. The tournament's top four finishers move on to the world championships, a tournament Canada's men's team last played at in 2002. **NBA** Bruce Bowen retired Thursday after 12 seasons and a reputation as one of the NBA's most menacing defenders.

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Sillinger joins Oilers

The Edmonton Oilers appointed Mike Sillinger their new director of player development on Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Storm on the horizon

NHLPA trouble doesn't bode well for league, fans Instead we've witnessed



ust when you figure hockey is above it all it looks like it's time to reconsider.

The recent firing of NHLPA boss Paul Kelly is the latest in a series of signs that suggests what is arguably the greatest pro-fessional team sport in the world is headed for hard

times once more. Just think about it.

During Kelly's tenure of slightly less than two years have we heard much about that ugly phrase, "The Collective Bargaining Agreement?" Have we worried to any great extent about work stoppages or fran-chise losses in the heartland Canadian cities of the NHL like Edmonton, Calgary, Ottawa or Montreal? The answer is no.

the ripening of stars like Sidney Crosby and Alex Ovechkin and seen the continued maturing of the NHL where all teams have the prospect of succeeding because they have similar ambitions to have

the best players "At its worst, on side.

If hockey goes hockey is back to the union played by hard liners, as the dismissal of the lawyers in moderate Kelly backrooms foreshadows, the game at its highest level will sure- from the ice ly return to a dark **bickering** era in which the "big market" about salary "big market" clubs have all the caps."

clout and the "have-not" cities merely tread water.

Nobody wants this — not while the lost season of 2004-05 is still fresh in most fans' recollection.

Hockey has enough to deal with in this day of fragmentation and entertainment abundance. It does not need a renaissance of worker-management trash talk that will definitely cause a further distraction from the beauty that occurs on the ice.

At its best, hockey is speed and skill and intense rivalry. You can barely sit in your seat if you're in the

arena or dare to sneak to the bathroom when you're at home watching on TV. You dare not miss a thing. At its

hockey is played by lawyers in backrooms far away from the ice bickering about salary caps and entry-level compensation or, hor-

ror of horrors, restricted free-agency regulations.

There's way too much talk about the NHLPA in the news these days. Sadly that spells stormy weather on hockey's horizon.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

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NFL Ram squeaks through



St. Louis Rams tight end Daniel Fells looks up with the ball after crossing into the end zone with a six-yard pass for a touchdown against the Kansas City Chiefs on Thursday. St. Louis downed Kansas City 17-9 in the final pre-season game for both teams.

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Giancarlo Fisichella is joining Ferrari for the rest of the Formula One season. Force India has agreed to release the Italian to allow the switch. Ferrari has been anxious to find a more competitive replacement for the injured Felipe Massa after Luca Badoer finished no better than 14th in his first two races since taking over. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Leblanc has a round to remember

20-year-old tied for top among homegrown players at CN Canadian Women's Open

camera.

The 20-vear-old amateur from Sherbrooke, Que., among the early starters at the CN Canadi-

an Women's Open on Thursday and found her name on the scoreboard afmaking a couple birdies. Unfortunately, she'll only have the memory to prove it.

"I wish I had a camera to take a picture," Leblanc said after signing for an even-par 71 at Priddis Greens. "I'm sure there'll be other opportunities like

While Leblanc is considered one of the potential future Canadian stars on the LPGA Tour, she also proved she has what it takes to play at a high level now - matching Adrienne

White of Red Deer, Alta., for the lowest opening round score by a homegrown player.

They were seven shots behind leader Anna Raw-

would be even closer than that until she made backto-back double bogevs on Nos. 15 and 16. At least she managed to right the ship by finishing with a pair of birdies.

Fisichella ioins Ferrari

"I was not focused on my game at all (on the 17th tee)," said Leblanc. "I was just thinking about the previous two holes. My caddie helped me stay in the moment.

"I'm happy with the way I finished

Hamilton's Alena Sharp (72) was another shot lower while Canadian Amateur champion Jennifer Kirby of Paris, Ont., and A.J. Eathorne of Penticton, B.C., each had a 73.

The other Canadians in the field will have to make up ground to stick around for the weekend: Jessica Shepley (74) of Oakville, Ont.; Charlottetown's Lorie Kane (75) and amateur Nicole Vandermade (75) of Brantford, Ont.; amateur Stephanie Sherlock (76) of Barrie, Ont.; amateur Sue Kim (79) of Langley, B.C.; Kira Meixner (81) of Richmond, B.C.; and Ashley Sholer (84) of Hamilton.

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Sports in brief

TRACK Sprinter Usain Bolt and long-distance runner Kenenisa Bekele are both unbeatable over their distance. So, why not have them race against each other somewhere in between? "If Usain agrees, if someone wants to organize this, I am ready," Bekele said Thursday, a day before the Memorial Van Damme Golden League meet. SOCCER Liverpool's new stadium will not be built until the global recession is over and financing is available for the \$800-million US project. The 60,000-seat stadium was due to have opened next year. NFL NFL commissioner Roger Goodell foresees an uncapped 2010 season as the league and the players' union negotiate a new collective bargaining agreement. Goodell said Thursday that owners are preparing for no salary cap next season, citing the lack of progress in talks with the NFLPA

BASEBALL Jorge Posada went 4for-5, missed the cycle by a triple and drove in four runs to lead the New York Yankees to their seventh straight win, a 10-5 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays in the opener of a

four-game set.

BASKETBALL The Houston Rockets signed forward Pops Mensah-Bonsu on Thursday. Per team policy, terms of the deal were not disclosed.

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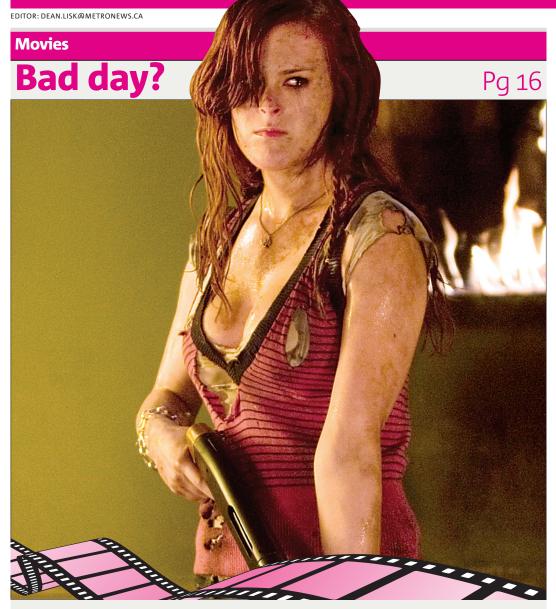




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"Trust me, women are much worse than men," says Sorority Row star and celebrity offspring Rumer Willis. "When they want revenge, they'll get you right in the heart." In the horror flick, Willis stars as the shy member of a group of sorority sisters.



Elijah Wood lends his voice to nine characters in 9.



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Extract **\text{@}*\text{\$\circ}\$,
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Pretty faces going to hell

Sisterhood on rampage in horror thriller Sorority Row

CHRIS ALEXANDER for Metro Canada

Is there anything more moving then the bond shared between women? That primal connection which aligns females all over the world as sisters? Laughing together, crying together, **Sorority Row** playing together, killing toopens in gether, dying together ... theatres next In Stewart

Hendler's new horror thriller Sorority Row (a loose remake of the cult classic '80s slasher The House on Sorority of Row), that lethal turn of estrogen blending is exactly

what happens.
The film stars celebrity
offspring Rumer Willis
(daughter of Bruce Willis
and Demi Moore ... and

y Row as in

From left, Briana Evigan, Leah Pipes and Rumer Willis star in Sorority Row, directed by Stewart Hendler.

stepdaughter to Ashton Kutcher) as the shy member of a group of sorority sisters whose not-so innocent prank involving one of their flock goes horribly, fatally awry.

When they attempt to cover up their grisly crime, the former BFF's turn on each other, secrets are ex-

posed and a masked serial killer begins murdering them one by one.

"My character is a bit of nerd, an innocent," says Willis of her seemingly less manipulative role. "She's the voice of reason. She's part of the gang and becomes caught up in the crisis, but she's still some-

Movie **feature**

what on the sidelines. She can't quite fit in with the rest of the girls."

The film trades in cheese-cake imagery, ripe melodrama and graphic horror, but—as Willis claims—Sorority Row's bloody tongue is wedged firmly in cheek.

"It definitely has comedy in it." says the actress. "It's an odd juxtaposition with the pretty girls and humour and the heavy gore. But I really think we didn't push it as far as it could have gone. I mean there's face ripping and stuff, but this is definitely not Hostel."

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About Steve? Not really

All About Steve

Director: Phil Traill

Stars: Sandra Bullock, Thomas Haden Church, Bradley Cooper Classification: STC

Rating: 🕮

PHIL BROWN for Metro Canada

REVIEW Awkward behaviour is a comedy staple. Create a character who says the wrong thing at the wrong time and you've got yourself some chuckles. However, it is a delicate balancing act.

It's perfectly fine if a character annoys everyone onscreen, but once the audience is annoyed you've got problems. Unfortunately the protagonist of All About Steve would irritate anyone with a pulse.

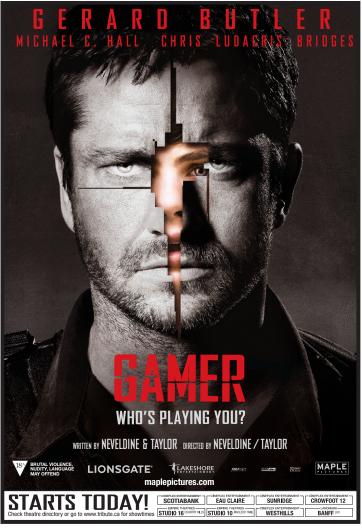
Sandra Bullock stars as a crossword writer who can't keep herself from spitting out every obscure fact that pops into her head. By the time the film ends we're expected to em

brace her foibles, but sadly she's just too obnoxious and one note for that to ever be possible.

Part of the problem is that the movie loses focus early on. The film starts with Bullock being set up on a date with pretty boy Hangover star Bradley Cooper, who is immediately put off by her. However, Bullock is undeterred and starts following Cooper's news team around the country.

It certainly doesn't help that 30 minutes in she gets lost in the shuffle and the film is given over to a collection of recognizable comedy costars like Thomas Haden Church's arrogant news anchor, Ken Jeong's pushover assistant, DJ Qualls' obsessive apple carver and others.

The problem is that the script was obviously rewritten to accommodate all the actors, and in the last half of All About Steve it's difficult to tell who the movie is even about.











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Extra security has been called in for Sarah Jessica Parker and her co-stars while they film Sex and the City 2, since crazed fans have reportedly been showing up and disrupting work, according to Gatecrasher. METRO WORLD NEWS

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Dolls come alive in 9

Animation takes a dark turn in Elijah Wood film

NED EHRBAR Metro World News

At next year's Comic-Con, if you see someone who's a little short to be a stormtrooper, chances are it won't be Elijah Wood.

it won't be Elijah Wood.

Though the instantly recognizable Lord of the Rings star acknowledges he'd need a disguise to be able to walk the floor of the San Diego Convention Center without getting mobbed, he's looking for something a little less bulky.

"A stormtrooper would be rad, but it would be really hot. It may not be very enjoyable," Wood admits. "Maybe just a burglar or something. Something really basic so that I could hide my face."

When Wood stopped by Comic-Con in July to pro-

When Wood stopped by Comic-Con in July to promote his new animated film, 9, he didn't get much opportunity to check out



In the film 9, Elijah Wood voices nine stitched dolls who come to life in a post-apocalyptic world devoid of humanity.

the scene — costume or no

"After a full day of press, the last place I wanted to go is back to the Convention Center," he says. "What I'd like to do is go on a year that I'm not working at the festival." He'd better start planning his costume now, then.

In 9, Wood voices the latest of nine stitched dolls come to life that are all that's left of humanity in a post-apocalyptic world.

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Though it's not Wood's first foray into animation, the film is a far cry from his last project, Happy Feet. And that's just fine with him.

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"I'm always just simply looking for something that is different from anything I've

done. Both as an actor, to continue to challenge myself, but also in terms of storytelling and kinds of movies," Wood says.

He also has a soft spot for animation in general, though he regrets the stigma the genre has stateside.

"It's only in America that animation has been delineated as being only for kids. It's a mentality. In Japan and in Europe, they make animated movies for everybody, to tell different kinds of stories."



Jason Bateman and Mila Kunis star in Extract.

More silly than satire

Extract

Director: Mike Judge Stars: Jason Bateman, Mila Kunis

Classification: STC Rating: @@@

STEVE GOW for Metro Canada

REVIEW With his 1999 culthit comedy Office Space, filmmaker Mike Judge won over audiences by tapping

over audiences by tapping into the trivialities of the working stiff. Now, the man who also created TV's King of the Hill is back on the job with Extract.

This time, however, Judge has set his latest laugher at a small-town extract factory where Joel (Jason Bateman) manages a mélange of uncooperative misfits. When an attractive, young grifter (Mila Kunis) suddenly gets hired on, Joel is bolstered by the prospect of pepping up his boring life with the notion of an affair

Coached by his bartending bro (Ben Affleck) during one inebriated

evening, Joel regrettably agrees to hire a gigolo to seduce his wife (SNL's Kristen Wiig) in order to alleviate the subsequent guilt of his anticipated infidelity.

Compared to Office Space, Extract is small on satire and more focused on silly situational comedy. In that sense, Judge lacks focus on the narrative leaving the audience to follow the meandering, wandering structure on their own. Luckily though, Judge's strength lies more in developing detailed characters that shine in satirical specificities.

While Bateman easily fits into the role of stupefied straight man, his supporting cast resonates with blue-collar authenticity. But the true scene-stealer in Extract is comic-actor David Koechner (Anchorman) who remarkably manages to capture the riotous nuances of that annoying suburban neighbour who just doesn't know how to take a hint.

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Music for the fun of it

U.K. rockers Band of Skulls reboot to find right sound

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI for Metro Canada

It might seem like Band of Skulls, the latest U.K. rock group to make waves in North America, came out of nowhere — they played their first gig in 2008 — but this trio has actually been making music together for years.

The group formed more than four and a half years ago, playing under the name Fleeing New York. And while they released some music and toured England, they could never catch a real break.

"We always believed our work was good enough, but it was hard to get that chance," says lead singer Russell Marsden. "But that was the band we used to be. we ended up making the band we were always going to be."

Becoming that band. however, didn't happen Marsden, night. drummer Matthew Hayward and bassist Emma



Band of Skulls' debut album Baby Darling Doll Face Honey was released this week. The band is currently touring Canada.

Richardson had to redefine their sound, fire their manager and, basically, start from scratch.

That might seem silly, especially since their previous outfit was starting to build a following, but Marsden says changing direction was liberating.

"For a while we were just writing under no name," he explains. "It just felt right and gave us a feeling of a new beginning, of freedom, of being able to do anything we want-

What Band of Skulls did was create Baby Darling Doll Face Honey, a sludgy blues rock album that sounds similar to The Dead Weather, or at least a new Jack White side project. ("I'm not a devotee," says Marsden about White, "but I love his rawness and we're probably into lots of the same bands.")

The singer and guitarist explains that in making this record the group "simplified things. We got back

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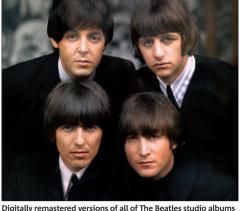
 Band of Skulls play The Den at MacEwan Hall Friday night

to the reason we started playing music, for the fun of it." And while the music sounds sparse — it's mostly big riffs and bluesy vocals from Richardson and Marsden — they leave the right amount of space and mess around with their guitars just enough to make this much more than a White copycat.

'We were writing things that challenged us," says Marsden. "We like to write things that are difficult to play for the first few weeks it's not just going through the motions. We want a challenge, so we write beyond our abilities and then try to get better."

Writing complex music isn't the only reason why the threesome has finally made a name for themselves — their chemistry, a result of playing together for so long, is evident on their debut.

Still, despite working together for years, Marsden says Band of Skulls feels like a new band, "All those early shows were great experiences," he says. "But it does feel new. We have an album out that people can actually own. It's strange to go to a new town where people know all about



will be released for the first time next week.

Remastering The Beatles



ten that the Beatles were latecomers to the compact disc. Apple Corps, the organization entrusted with protecting the Beatles' legacy, stubbornly stuck with issuing material on vinyl until discs started rolling out on Feb. 26, 1987. When the full catalogue was finally available, the decline of the LP was a done deal.

But those original Beatles CDs really weren't anything special. They sounded fine — the analog-todigital transfer technology they used was the best of its day - but by later standards, they sound harsh. The packaging and the liner notes were basic and dull, devoid of any history or context. Bonus tracks or alternate mixes? Sorry, just the standard 30 to 36 minutes per disc. And outside of a 40th anniversary edition of Sgt. Pepper in 2007 that featured tarted up packaging, we've had to make do with these — let's face it - embarrassing digital reissues for 22 years.

This, however, will all change on Wednesday (09-09-09: "Number 9...Number 9...Number 9 - get it?) when all the original U.K. albums along with Magical Mystery Tour and Past Masters — not to mention the Beatles edition Rock Band hits stores.

"Obsessive types will search for things like the point in Hey Jude where John drops an F-bomb, the squeaking piano stool in A Day in the Life and the mythical Morse code in Strawberry Fields Forever."

Abbey Road spent months using digital filters and other electronic tricks to clean up and tweak the original master tapes. The refurbished sparkle with a clarity unheard in Beatles recordings until now. You hear things - snare buzzes, fingers moving on strings, growls in the voice — that had been submerged in the murk. Obsessive types will search for things like the point in Hey Jude where John drops an F-bomb, the squeaking piano stool in A Day in the Life and the mythical Morse code in Strawberry Fields Forever.

The super hardcore fan will go for the box set which features the mono mixes (The Beatles came late to stereo, too, with the first ten albums recorded that way), which are considered by many of the faithful to be the proper and definitive versions of the songs. But the stereo mixes are also brilliant, showing off George Martin's skill as a producer.

Add in the upgraded packaging — the box sets are gorgeous — and the Beatles canon finally gets the digital respect it deserves.

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Three cheers for Glee

AMBER RAY

Metro World News

Hitting the tone of high school in a television series is difficult — get too angsty and the family audience tunes out; go for the saccharine "moral of the week" and real-life credibility is lost.

Considering two of the most creatively successful high school-based series in the last decade were Freaks and Geeks and My So-Called Life, and neither aired for even one full season, developing a teen series seems like a doomed undertaking.

So developing a teen series as an unconventional comedy/musical hybrid with Ryan Murphy, the genius behind Nip/Tuck, as execu-

tive producer must seem like a death wish. Yet that very Murphy-Wednesday at 9 helmed high school series,

p.m. ET/PT on Glee, is the most anticipated show of the new TV season.

'For me, the challenge is doing something that I think is more mainstream and family-oriented," admits Murphy, whose other series is about a pair of plastic surgeons and features graphic depictions of surgeries and sex "I wanted to do something that was lighter and more optimistic.'

In this tale about one dedicated teacher attempting to rebuild his school's geeky glee club to its former championship-winning glory, optimism comes in the form of choreographed performances to tunes such as Don't Stop Believin'

Another positive for the series: The cast recording of the Journey song shot to No. 1 on iTunes after the Glee pilot was broadcast in



Glee is the most anticipated show of the new television season.

May post-American Idol as a sneak peek special on

> Anticipation for the comedy has been steadily building since, thanks

to cast ap-pearances at Comic-Con in July and an August tour of Hot Topic stores at

malls across the country. But jubilant sing-alongs alone do not make Glee fall's early fan favourite and critics' darling; behind the cheery façade of show tunes and jazz hands, the series dissects the complicated caste system of secondary school

"(Glee) does have a little bit of subversiveness in it," Murphy insists.

"It's not completely bland or too sticky clean. It has an edge to it. The show is about the quest to have a dream — or the quest to realize that maybe you need to get another dream."

The teachers

Two stars of Glee

Will Schuester (The Glee Director) Played

Glee

premieres

Global

Matthew Morrison

He may be 30, but Morrison considers

glee club di- Matthew rector Will Morrison Schuester his

first "real" adult role. "On Broadway you can get away with being a lot younger for a lot longer," the star of Hairspray and South Pacific says. "I feel like [playing a young teacher is] a perfect role to introduce myself as an adult."

Sue Svlvester (The Cheerlead-

ing Coach) Played by Jane Lynch Lynch talks

about "Glee" the same way

her domineer- Jane Lynch ing, over-com-

petitive cheerleading coach talks about her squad: "I think [Glee] is just head and shoulders above anything that's on TV. I don't want to sound like I'm bragging, but it's really good." She gushes, "The kids are amazing. These are talented people."

The students

• Finn Hudson (The Jock)

Played by Cory Monteith

Though he plays a football standout turned one of the alee club's stars, Monteith admits "could never



sical" before

working on Glee. "... The beautiful thing about this show is (the music) magnifies the plot points the characters are dealing with. Glee is firmly rooted in real-

Mercedes (The Diva)

Played by Amber Riley "I'm not aoina to sav I'm not a di-

Riley va." jokes. though the actress with an amazing

set of pipes Amber Riley was a pro-

fessional backup singer - a position her character unhappily finds herself relegated to — before signing on to Glee. "I love the tone of the show. It has this dry comedy; it's not really punch-liney ... It reminds

me of British comedy' Arty (The Geek)

Played by Kevin McHale "I forget

we're not in a real glee club." McHale, former boy band mem-



we're in high school. We're on the set all the time, and the scripts are so real ... we feel like we're actually in it."



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Blow Down

Television



Laura Leighton reprises her role as Sydney on Melrose Place.

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New paint, same drama

Updated Melrose borrows from the original, including characters

In 2009, Sydney Andrews appears to be alive and well — never mind the fact that she got run over by a car on her wedding day on Melrose Place 12 years ago.

These days, the blackmail expert is once again living at 4616 Melrose, now serving as landlady and trouble-making instigator — to a new group of 20-somethings looking to make it big in Los An-

Laura Leighton reprises her role as Sydney in the CW's update of the primetime soap opera, premiering Wednesday at 10 p.m., and it didn't take much arm-twisting to get her that strikes her character back.

"I found they had an approach to the show that in-**Melrose Place** corporated my charac-ter in a very premieres Wednesday at unique wav.

10 p.m. ET/PT Leighton exon Global plains. "Play-ing Sydney the first time was such fun, and there was no downside to coming back to play her

Not even the tragedy

very early on in the new Melrose?

"I think Sydney's always been sort of doomed to be the center of controversy, and she's very much in that position,' Leighton mits, before adding optimistically, "You know, I

think also that she's always been destined to live in a penthouse. So here

she is.

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Jackson buried in Los Angeles

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PEOPLE More than two months after his unexpected death, singer Michael Jackson was laid to rest Thursday evening during a private ceremony for friends and family at the Forest Lawn Memorial-Park

in Glendale, Calif. Jackson was interred in the cemetery's Mausoleum, a mas- expenses are sive building that holds the of However, Michael remains stars such as Jackson is Jean Harlow, Walt Disney and Gable, accord- Cohen ing to the L.A.

Times. It was decided Wednesday that Jackson's estate would pay the considerable expenses for the burial, which was closed to the public. "The expenses are extraordinary. However. Michael Jackson is extraordinary," attorney Jeryll S. Cohen said. "They may not be appropriate for an ordinary person, but Michael lackson was not ordinary.'

Police services associated with the event, estimated to be approximately \$150,000, would be passed on

Michael Jackson

to the Jackson family, Glendale city offi-cials said. No media was allowed at the private event. The burial

puts an end to

weeks of spec-

ulation over

where the late

singer would

extraordinary." Clark Attorney Jeryll S.

"The (burial)

extraordinary.

be laid to rest. Some had suggested his remains would be placed in a crypt owned by Motown founder Berry Gordy Jr., while others claimed Jackson would be buried at his beloved Neverland Ranch in Santa Barbara, which Jackson vacated several years ago.

One report even suggested Neverland itself would be relocated to Las Vegas and turned into a museum dedicated to Jackson.

Judges change rules on talent series

TV SERIES The judges on America's Got Talent are breaking the rules.

Instead of choosing between two acts for one coveted spot in the show's final round, Piers Morgan, Sharon Osbourne and David Hasselhoff changed things up Wednesday and invited both acts to return to the NBC talent show.

"Judges can do whatever they want on this show," host Nick Cannon said. "Anything goes."

A trio of tenors, three siblings, singing dancing sisters, a 75-yearold comedian and a singing chicken farmer will advance to the finals. Five other acts were dismissed during Wednesday's episode.

Viewers selected The Texas Tenors, comedian Grandma Lee and singer Kevin Skinner via phone, email and text message votes.

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The Rolling Stones are moving quickly to quash a rumor that Charlie Watts has quit the band after several decades. "Charlie Watts has not left The Rolling Stones," the group said in a statement. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Going Out

Canada's fashion twins win fame game

With a fashion empire spanning the globe, kudos from stars including Madonna, and this weekend's induction into Canada's Walk of Fame, it would seem identical-twin fashion designers Dean and Dan Caten were bred for success.

And they were, but mostly through their own volition, they say.

tion, they say.

They battled marginalization while growing up with seven siblings in a low-income home in the Toronto suburb of Willow-dale.

"We had no money," said Dan Caten, one half of the smash Dsquared2 label, over the phone recently from a beach in Mykonos, Greece, where he and his brother were taking a rare vacation.

"We were poor and my dad was a ... welder and we were nine kids and we had no mother. And my dad said: 'Oh, you'll be a welder and you'll be in a union and you'll make \$12 an hour,'" he recalled.

But the twins were determined against that fate and in 1991, they set up shop in Milan, Italy, where their father was born.

They went on to create clothing lines for men and

women; stitch threads for celebrities including Madonna, Britney Spears and Ricky Martin; open stores around the world; and produce fragrances and an eyewear line.

"We come from nothing and we built up our (company) and we knocked it out," said Dan Caten.

Sometimes their Canadian nationality is woven into their designs, including their spring/summer 2010 collection, which was inspired by memories of camping in Algonguin Park in Ontario.

They also plan to sketch outfits for the talent in the

opening and closing ceremonies of the Vancouver 2010 Olympics.

"We've been waving our flag," said Dean Caten. "And when your country acknowledges it and makes such a beautiful dedication to you, I think it's a beautiful thing."

Legendary songstress Anne Murray, who was inducted into Canada's Walk of Fame in 1998, will host Saturday's gala at Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts. The ceremony will be broadcast Sunday on Global and Slice.

"It's the hugest award that we've received so far,"

Identical-twin fashion designers Dean and Dan Caten were bred for success — they're joining Canada's Walk of Fame.

said Dean Caten

"It's an inspiration for all young Canadians: The sky's the limit, you can do whatever you want to do if you put your mind to it. It doesn't matter where you come from, it's where you want to go."

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Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

The Beatles
ICONS Come Wednesday, you can be Fab too while
your plastic guitar gently beeps, thanks to the hotly
anticipated game The Beatles Rock Band. No need
to get cocky though. Because just to remind you how spectacular the original Fab Four actually were, EMI is releasing a remastered edition of the entire Beatles catalogue. Consider
your mind blown.



l'm Yours: Jason Mraz SONG Now we know: The "yours" in the 32-year-old's infinitely hummable song is the Billboard Hot 100. The Virginia-born singer-songwriter's tune, which debuted on pop radio in May 2008, has lasted for 71 weeks on the chart—the longest ever for a single. The record was previously held by Leann Rimes, whose rendition of How Do I Love made the charts for 69 weeks in the late '90s.

Melrose Place
Tv Sydney Andrews is dead again. The reboot of the '90s show kicks off with the good news that Laura Leighton's iconic character, who died on her wedding day in the original series, is alive and well, only to be found floating in the pool moments later. Spoiler? The CW seems to be flaunting the storyline that will also see plenty of newcomers to the famed address. Premieres Wednesday on Global.

Madmenfootnotes.com

WEBSITE If you ever wondered about the real stories behind the advertisements and incidents referred to in the AMC series, bookmark this site. There's some fascinating historical trivia here, everything from Bacardi campaigns in the midst of Cuban animosity to a Marlboro ad about a baby encouraging his/her mom to smoke. And yes, Paul

Run This Town

Kinsey's Princeton Tigertones were an actual band.

viDEOIt's a pop riot led by heavywights Rihanna, Jay-Z and Kanye West — definitely one of the catchiest tunes released this year. But, for all the sugary vocals and hiphop swagger, the video features some heavy Black Panther-esque imagery and a violent undercurrent. If you

see Chris Brown in there somewhere, please let us know.

Disney-Marvel
BIZ The Mouse proved mightier this
week as Disney took over
the house of superheroes
for \$4 billion. Meanwhile,
nerds of the universe descended upon
the blogosphere to conjure all kinds of
interesting hybrids. Samplers: Goofy
+ Wolverine = Gooferine; Pinocchio
+ Thor = Thorocchio.

The Last Song: Nicholas Sparks
BOOK Bring out the tissues. The reigning king of literary weepies (cry-fi, if you will) once again aims for the lachrymals — this time with a story of a musically inclined dad and his estranged daughter. Apparently, a film version is already in works with Miley Cyrus playing the daughter's role. For film fans, that's reason enough to cry.

Mix of Six

Hurricane Felix and The Southern

Twisters When: Sept. 4

Where: Stampede Park Blue and Country take over the Coca Cola Stage at Stampede Park. Music starts at 10 a.m.

The Importance of Being Earnest When: Sept. 4-12

Where: Pumphouse Theatre Morpheus Theatre presents one of Oscar Wilde's most popular plays. Tickets are \$17 for adults. More information and tickets are available at morpheustheatre.ca

WorldSkills Competition Closing Ceremonies

Where: Stampede Park

Winners in each of the 45 skill categories will receive their awards and medals. The ceremony ends the six-day international skills competition. Tickets at worldskills2009.com

Festival on the Bow

When: Sept 5-6 Where: Eau Claire Festival Market

The smell of barbeque will be in the air as the BBQ on the Bow competition looks to find the next "Alberta Champion" barbeque team.

Pride Festival 2009 When: Sept. 5-6

Where: Olympic Plaza

Calgary's celebration of all genders, sexual orientations, and walks of life runs this weekend. The Pride Parade and festival are on Sunday starting at noon. Go to pridecalgary.ca for more information.

Calgary Highland Games When: Sept 5

Where: Foothills Athletic

The Highland Games run from 8:30 am to 5 pm Saturday. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and can be purchased at the gate or online at calgaryhighlandgames.org



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Singer Lisa Loeb and her husband Roey Hershkovitz are going to be parents, her rep confirms to People. "They're excited to welcome their first child this winter," said manager Janet Billig Rich. METRO NEWS SERVICES

> what the other is feeling." How is Sheremet, 28, feeling? Friends tell Us

> Weekly he's struggling. On

Celebrity Buzz

Mischa gets a sober coach

A LITTLE HELP Mischa Barton has a "sober coach," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Producers for the actress' new TV show The Beautiful Life have hired someone to stay with her at all times following her involuntary hospitalization in July.

A source said: "Mischa is doing great since she returned to work, but after a chat with show bosses she agreed she would appreciate some extra support."

The appointment of a sober coach comes after friends of the 23-year-old worried she was jeopardizing her recovery. Barton was seen partying in New York just days after she left hospital.

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EYE FOR AN EYE? As LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian the source tells Us Weekly, "They've put the pieces to-

EYE FOR AN EYE? AS LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian went public with their relationship in August, her ex Dean Sheremet quietly reached out to Cibrian's ex Brandi Glanville, Us Weekly reports.

"They have been supporting each other," an insider said of the pair, who first met last fall while visiting their spouses on the Calgary set of the Lifetime romance Northern Light.

At the time, they didn't know an affair had begun. Now, the source tells Us Weekly, "They've put the pieces together about the last few months, and they're developing a good friendship through this."

Dean gets even with LeAnn?

Adds a Sheremet pal, "They're the ones who under-

Tuesday, Rimes announced on her website that she and Sheremet are divorcing — days after taking a PDA-packed vacation with Cibrian, 36, to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, to celebrate her 27th birthday.

Asked how it feels to see

Asked how it feels to see his ex with Cibrian, Sheremet fought back tears before telling Us Weekly: "I don't really know what to say. It's bizarre. It's surreal. But I'm doing OK."

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Chris might break restraining order?

THE RULES Chris Brown intends to honour a court order to stay away from Rihanna for five years, but he's afraid he might accidentally violate it because they're in the same industry. "We have to be, like, 10 yards away from each other, but I just feel like it's harder, because we're always in the

same vicinity, and it leaves more room for error," he told Larry King.

WORLD



Funeral, memorial for DJ AM

IN MOURNING DJ AM was laid to rest Wednesday in a small funeral attended by family members and close friend Travis Barker, people.com reports.

Mourners were seen entering Hill-side Memorial Park and Mortuary in West Los Angeles for the private ceremony for the celebrity DJ — real name Adam Goldstein — who died

last week in New York.

A memorial for Goldstein was also held last night at the Hollywood Palladium in Los Angeles.

"The format of the evening will be in the style of an open 12-step meeting," read an invite for Thursday's memorial, which will be "a gathering to celebrate the life of our friend Adam Goldstein"

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Keanu will give DNA in paternity lawsuit

ALLEGATIONS Keanu Reeves is taking a DNA test to prove he's not the father of a Barrie, Ont., woman's children, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actor denies ever meeting Karen Sala, 46, who has claimed in an Ontario court that he is the father of at least one of her four kids.

Reeves' lawyer Lorne Wolfson has advised the 45-year-old star to take a paternity test to "clear his name" and prove he is

not the biological father of any of Sala's children — who are now in their 20s.

The actor will take the test in the next four weeks. Sala is asking for \$150,000 per month in child support — retroactive to June 1988 — and \$3 million a

month in spousal support, retroactive to November

Sala said: "This is not about revenge or an attack on his good character. It's about closure and getting some peace. This is a personal journey."

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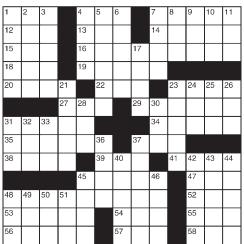








Take Five



Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

	7	9				8		
			5	2				1
2					4			3
		6	8		1		4	
	4			3			1	
	3		2		9	5		
4			1					8
6				9	2			
		7				4	6	

- 1 Bake sale org. 4 List-ending abbr
- 7 Animal 12 Sleep phenom 13 Bill's partner 14 Whitecollared thrush
- (Var.) 15 Sphere 16 Quasimodo, notably
- 18 Tramcar contents 19 Sequence 20 MacDonald's
- place 22 Ages and ages 23 Hardy
- cabbage 27 Help 29 Penn pal 31 Be a goldbrick
- 34 Material for blue shoes 35 Addicted
- 37 Likely 38 Longings 39 Sinbad's bird
- 41 Fly fast 45 Spanish appe-

tizers 47 Weep 48 Car style 52 Bill 53 Openmouthed 54 Golfer's concern 55 Greek vowel 56 Sir's counterpart

57 Horror film

with four sequels

58 Sen. Kennedy

- 1 Evidence 2 Earth 3 Cautionary colour 4 Reverberate 5 Went sightseeing 6 Individually owned apartment
- 7 Physicist Niels 8 Abrade 9 — Today 10 Sleuth
- 11 Antlered animal. 17 Minimal

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

5 3

2 6 1

2 6

8 6

3 9 2 8

change 21 Report card data 23 Hardly dexter-

ous one 24 Brewery product

- 25 Started 26 Before
- 28 Mamie's man 30 Kreskin's
- claim 31 Bashful 32 Weeding tool
- 33 Charged bit 36 Colourless 37 Source of gum
- arabic 40 October birth-
- stones 42 Square dance
- group 43 Preach.
- maybe 44 "Oops"
- 45 Not us 46 Distort
- 48 Overactive one?
- 49 Khan title 50 Slight amount
- 51 Bkpr.

2 1 3 4 7 6 5

3 4 5 9 8 7

8 4 2

1 9

7 9

5 9 3

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6



Orange Chocolate Mousse

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 eggs, beaten 2 egg yolks, beaten 1 cup (250 ml) heavy whipping cream
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) packed brown sugar 3 tbsp (45 ml) orange juice
- 1 to 1 1/2 tsp (5 to 7 ml) grated orange peel 6 squares (1 oz/28 g each) semisweet chocolate. melted and cooled Optional: Whipped cream and orange peel strips

METHOD:

1. In pot, combine eggs, egg yolks, cream, brown sugar, juice and peel until blended. Cook and stir over medium-low heat 15 minutes or until mixture is thickened and reached 160 F (71 C).

- 2. Remove from heat; stir in melted chocolate until smooth. Pour into dessert dishes. Refrigerate 2 hours or until serving.
- 3. Garnish with whipped cream and orange peel if

SERVES 4

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20 A full moon in your next-door-neighbour sign of Pisces means you have allowed your fears to

LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23

get out of hand.

It may be hard to decide what works and what doesn't but one thing you know for sure is that you've done as much as you can for the time being.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

You may deserve an apology from someone who did you wrong but you won't get it, so put it behind you and focus on more important things.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22
Others can fret and fuss over petty things if they so wish but you have more important issues to take care of.

GEMINI

On the web

I'm NOT helping you out of the TAR PIT!

MAY 22-JUNE 21 A full moon warns not to take risks with your reputation. No matter how desperate you may be to move up in the world you

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21
You can't run away from your

must play by the rules.

responsibilities. You know that, so why are you still fantasizing that you can? The full moon will bring a family issue.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

You can't sit still for a minute, never mind an hour or a day. You will be on the go from dawn to dusk today, which means you will need an extra-long rest.

CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20

If knowledge is power then you would be wise to keep what you know to yourself today. If you go blabbing about it, soon everyone will know.

LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

Times may be tough financially but the answer is in your own hands and today's full moon will give you a few ideas.

AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18

The full moon warns that no matter how trustworthy your instincts may be most of the time, they may well let you down today.

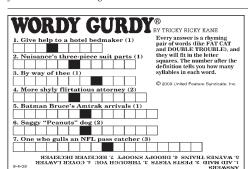
VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22
A full moon in your opposite sign of Pisces means that some less than positive things will be said by the end of the day.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

Everyone wants something from you. Everyone wants you to give, while offering precious little in return.









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